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## YEARDLEY—FLOWERDEWE—WEST.

NOTES FROM ENGLISH RECORDS IN REFERENCE TO THE YEARDLEY, FLOWERDEWE, WEST FAMILIES, FURNISHED BY MISS ETHEL G. GROGAN, No. 55 FITZ GEORGE AVE., KENSINGTON, W. LONDON, ENG., AT THE INSTANCE OF MR. GRIFFIN C. CALLAHAN, PHILA., PA.\*

## WILL OF RALPH YARDLEY.

(From Water's Gleanings.)

Ralph Yardley, citizen and merchant tailor of London 25 August 1603, proved 27 Feb. 1603. After my debts paid and my funerals discharged I will that all and singular my goods chattels & debts shall be parted and divided into three equal portions according to the laudable use and custom of the City of London. One full third part therof I give and bequeath to Rhoda my wellbeloved wife, to her own use, in full satisfaction of such part or portion of my goods, chattels and debts as she may claim to have by the custom of the same city. One other full third part therof I give and bequeath amongst my children, Raphe, George, John, Thomas, and Anne Yardley and to such other child or children as yet unborn as I shall happen to have at the time of my decease, to be equally parted, shared and divided between them, and to be satisfied and paid to my said sons at the accomplishment of their several ages of one and twenty years, and to my said daughter at the accomplishment of her age of one and twenty years or marriage, which shall first happen, etc. etc. And the other third part therof I reserve to myself therewith to perform and pay these my legacies hereafter mentioned, that is to say, I give and bequeath to the poor of the parish of St. Saviours in Southwark where I now dwell twenty shillings to be divided amongst them by the discretion of the overseers of the poor there for the time being, and to such of the bachelors and sixteen men of the company of merchant tailors London as shall accompany my body to burial twenty shillings for a recreation to be made unto them, and to the Vestrymen of the said parish twenty shillings more for a recreation to be made unto them. I give and bequeath unto my sister Palmer a ring of gold to the value of six shillings eight pence, and to my cousin John Palmer her husband a like ring of the like value, and to my daughter Earby my first wife's wedding ring, and to my son Erby her husband my best cloak, and to my cousin Richard Yearwood my black cloth gown of Turkey fashion. The rest and residue

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\*Note—We have had extensive investigations made in England as to the ancestry, etc., of Sir George Yearly, with a view of correcting an error in a footnote (prepared by us) in the Yearly Pamphlet prepared in 1896 by the late Thomas T. Upshur. These notes are the result of those investigations.—Griffin C. Callahan.

of all and singular my goods, &c., I wholly give unto my said children &c. &c. Item—I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas Yardley a ring of gold of the value of six shillings eight pence. And I ordain and make the said Raph Yardley my son to be Executor &c. and the said Richard Yarwood and my son Edward Earbye, overseers. As to my freehold lands and hereditiments I will devise give and bequeath my messuage, lands &c. in South walk or elsewhere with my said children &c. 24 Harte.

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Acts of the Privy Council (Colonial) Calendar.  
1613-1680

p. 149      Whitehall, 30 June, 1630.  
[abridged copy.]

A petition was this day presented to the Board by Francis West Esq. late Governor of Virginia, shewing that Sir George Yardley, knight, about three years since by his last will bequeathed to Dame Temperance his then wife (whom he made his sole executrix) all his household stuff in his house in St. James City, and likewise ordained that all his other estate in Virginia should be sold by her; and disposed of for tobacco, to be conveyed into England, and that a third part thereof should be for the use of his said wife, and the other two parts for his three children. The said Sir George soon after died, and the Petitioner marrying his widow, did during her life wholly refer unto her the ordering of all the said Sir George's estate, who according to the intent of the said will converted such part thereof as aforesaid into tobacco, and sent the same for England, which coming into the hands of Ralphe Yardley citizen and Apothecarie of London, and brother to the said Sir George, and he being by this means possessed thereof, and understanding that the Petitioner's said wife, was since deceased in Virginia, under pretence of affection to the said children procured to himself as well the administration of the said Sir George's estate, as also the administration of the goods and chattels of the Petitioner's said wife, and being thus possessed of the estate aforesaid, doth refuse to account with the petitioner for the same, or to come to any reasonable or friendly mediation or agreement with him, and therefore the Petitioner humbly sought to be relieved herein by order from the Board.

(To be Continued)